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## REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed June 7, 2001, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

## In the Claims

Amend claims 12, 15, 16, and 29 as follows.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of producing a recombinant AGE-1 polypeptide,

said method comprising the steps of: